QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Remission of Land Revenue

559. Sri G. MADE GOWDA (Malavalli).—

Will the Minister for Revenue and Forests be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Revenue Minister has toured in some parts of the famine stricken area Maddur Taluk in the month of November 1967;

(*b*) whether the Hon'ble Minister for Revenue has seen with his own eyes the failure of crops in Maddur Taluk;

(*c*) whether the Revenue Minister announced in a public meeting that the land Revenue would be remissioned for 1967 68 and some relief works would be taken up in the affected areas *viz.*, Malavalli and Maddur Taluks;

(*d*) if so, the action taken so far by the Government in this behalf?

A.—Sri B. RACHAIAH (Minister for Revenue and Forests).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) (i) Yes; Land Revenue will be remitted as per rules with retrospective effect from 65-66, 66-67 and 67-68.

(ii) In the affected areas of Malavalli and Maddur Taluk relief measures would be taken.

(*d*) Relief works have been started in all the drought stricken parts of the District. Land Improvement and Takavi loans have also been provided. Foodgrains are being distributed to labourers through Co-operatives.

Education and Hostel Facilities for Children

561. Sri P. B. NANDIHALI (Uchagaon).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture and Education be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they are aware that the children of landless labourers in the rual area cannot afford to take education due to their poverty;

(*b*) whether they are aware that hostel fecilities are necessary such children whose parents annual income is less than Rs. 1,200;

(c) whether they have any proposal to provide education and hostel facilities to such children;

(d) if so, the nature of such proposal?

A.—Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture and Education).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Existing facilities for Education and hostel are sufficient. These are:—

1. Free Education up to High School.
2. Attendance Scholarships to Girls pupils.
3. Midday Meals.
4. Gift Books.
5. General hostel scheme.
6. Liberal freeship and scholarship scheme at postmatric level including stipends in Craftsmen Training courses.
7. Reservation of seats for socially and educationally backward classes in professional colleges and Polytechnics.
8. Students benefit fund.
9. Scholarships at the school stage for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe students.

(d) Does not arise in view of replies to Class (c) above.

Enhancement of D.A. of N.G.Os. as Recommended by Pay Commission

572. Sri S. SHARANA GOWDA (Jewargi).—

Will the Minister for Finance, Planning, Commerce and Industries be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the recent announcement made by the Finance Minister regarding grant of enhanced D.A. is according to the recommendation made by the Pay Commission;

(b) if not in how many respect the Government have departed from the recommendation of the Commission;

(c) the number of officials that are going to be benefited by the announcement;

(d) the total number of non-gazetted officials in the State?

A.—Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Minister for Finance, Planning, Commerce and Industries).—

(a) Yes, in regard to scales.